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25X1X6 l. Kamal Jumblat, Lebanese Druze leader, has stated that the Druzes in Syria are considering the use of force prior to the revised elections in Jebel Druze. The purpose of this move is evidently to substitute People's Party delegates for Atrash delegates. These elections are scheduled to take place on 6 November.

2. The Lebanese Druzes are reportedly ready to help in this matter. Kamal Jumblat thinks that the Syrian Government will have to give in, to avoid interfering with plans regarding Palestine.

